

In the Drawings:

Kindly accept the attached amended drawings. Figures 2 and 3 have been amended. No new matter has been added by the amendments.

REMARKS

The Applicant appreciates the thorough review of the application by the Examiner. Reconsideration and allowance are requested.

No new matter has been added by the amendments. No new issues are raised by the amendments.

Figure 2 has been amended to properly number the horizontal plane.

The specification has been amended to reflect the change made to Figure 2

Claims 2, 4, and 5 have been amended to be independent claims.

Claim 3 has been amended to dependent solely on claim 2.

No new matter has been added by the amendments.

Claims 2, 3, 4 and 5 are allowable.

Claims 1, 6, 7 and 8 are patentable under 35 U.S.C. 102(b) over Derudder (U.S. Patent No. 5,139,052).

The present invention is not anticipated by Derudder.

Applicant's invention as claimed in claim 1 comprises a shed forming device with two or more sets of hooks. These sets of hooks consist of two complementary hooks. The complementary hooks work together with one pulley. A number of first pulleys work together with a first set of hooks that are provided in an upper row. A number of second pulleys work together with corresponding second sets of hooks in an upper row. A number of second pulleys work together with a second set of hooks in a lower row.

Those features are not found in Derudder

Derudder discloses, on the other hand, a device with one or more sets of hooks consisting of two complementary hooks (11 and 12). The complementary hooks work together with more

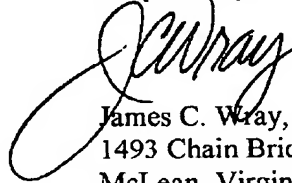
than one pulley (14, and 17). The pulleys work together with the same set of hooks at different heights, whereby corresponding pulleys of other sets of hooks work at the same height.

Claims 6, 7 and 8 are dependent on claim 1 and distinguish the invention from Derudder in the same manner as claim 1. Derudder's 11' and 12' are not a single lifting element (3) as claimed in Claim 6.

CONCLUSION

Reconsideration and allowance are respectfully requested.

Respectfully,



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